

tory infection. The second patient is a boy of fourteen, who has chronic endocarditis involving the mitral valve, with considerable enlargement, and showing evidence of a moderate degree of delay in the conduction time from the auricle to the ventricle; the conduction time being between 5/25 and 6/25 of a second. The third patient is a boy of thirteen, who has chronic endocarditis involving both the mitral and aortic valves, with adhesive pericarditis, as well.

It was our purpose to study a few cases of alternation of the pulse to see if this condition could be better understood in a clinical way. The theories as to the cause of alternation of the pulse are divergent. Some contend that the alternation is due to sustained systole of the ventricle and to improper diastole resulting therefrom. Others maintain that it is due to a difference of excitability of muscle tissue, due to disease localized or scattered diffusely through the muscle. We were, however, unable to obtain any well-marked instances of alternation of the pulse at the time when our pictures were taken, but it is our intention to further develop this study along such lines.

The films should be of considerable educational value in the teaching of cardiovascular disease, particularly with reference to the irregularities, when the method has been finally perfected.

## California Association of Medical Social Workers

The organization of the medical social workers of California has been completed by the council, in conformity to the requirements of the resolution passed by the House of Delegates at the Coronado meeting. The officers of the association and the executive committee are as follows: President, Dr. Louise Morrow; Vice-President, Miss Eleanor Stockton; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Edna J. Shirpser. Executive Committee—Dr. Mary Harris, Dr. Louise Morrow, Miss Edna J. Shirpser, Miss Clara Saunders, Miss Marguerite A. Wales, Miss Josephine Abraham, Miss Eleanor Stockton.

### CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKERS' PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION

#### PREAMBLE

For all the purposes of the California Association of Medical Social Workers, including its Preamble and Constitution, Medical Social Work is defined as social and similar technical work done by adequately trained workers in hospitals, dispensaries, offices, mercantile and industrial establishments, organizations, homes or elsewhere, under medical direction and control, as one of the agencies for the prevention and cure of disease.

Medical social workers, therefore, in the meaning of this organization, comprise the trained technical assistants to the members of the medical profession in the discharge of their duties in the prevention and treatment of disease, who subscribe to and are imbued with the same ethics, ideals and spirit of service that actuate the physician in the practice of the healing art.

As practical medical social work, as understood and practiced by members of this association, is an integral part of modern medicine, medical social workers should form an effective unit of the organized medical profession. It is, therefore, the

permanent purpose of this organization to become intimately identified with local, State and national organizations of the medical profession, devoted to improving the practice and progress of scientific medicine for the promotion and protection of the public health.

### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I

##### Name

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the California Association of Medical Social Workers.

#### ARTICLE II

##### Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of this Association are as described in the Preamble, which is hereby made a part of the Constitution.

Additional purposes are, to encourage and assist in the proper education of students in medical social work; to establish and maintain adequate standards in medical social work; to hold meetings, conferences and otherwise promote increased efficiency and mutual benefits for members of this organization.

#### ARTICLE III

##### Membership

Section 1. Members shall be active, associate and honorary.

Sec. 2. Any person who is actively engaged in medical social work, and who by education, personality, character and experience meets the minimum requirements effective at the time of application is eligible for active membership. The minimum educational requirement for members is, that they shall have graduated from a university, college or school accredited by the Advisory Council, giving training in social work, or furnish an equivalent satisfactory to the Executive Committee. In addition, they shall be engaged in the actual practice of medical social work under approved medical supervision. Personal qualifications and experience submitted are to be passed upon by the Executive Committee. Any active member ceasing to fulfill the requirements for eligibility shall retain active membership to the end of the year.

Sec. 3. Any member of the State Medical Society or any educator or scientist who is actively interested in and has contributed to the knowledge and practice of medical social work is eligible for associate membership.

Sec. 4. Physicians or medical social workers who have rendered distinguished service to the cause of medical social work may be elected honorary members by the Executive Committee. Honorary members shall have all the rights and privileges of the association, except the rights of voting and holding office.

Sec. 5. The name of an applicant for active membership, with such other data as is required hereunder and prescribed by the Executive Committee, shall be presented in writing to the Executive Committee by an active member. Election shall be by majority of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 6. Associate members shall be nominated and elected as are active members, except that honorary or associate members may submit nominations to the Executive Committee.

Sec. 7. All nominations for honorary membership shall be made in writing at least three months before the annual meeting. Honorary members may be elected only at the annual meeting by the active members of the association, and not more than two may be elected in any one year.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### Officers and Committees

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting. The terms of officers shall be one year.

Sec. 2. There shall be an Executive Committee of seven members, consisting of the President,

Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of the association and four active members, elected by the association at its annual meeting, to serve for one year.

Sec. 3. One-fifth of the members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members of the association.

Sec. 4. The Advisory Council shall consist of the Council of the Medical Society of the State of California and the Executive Committee of the League for the Conservation of Public Health acting with the officers and Executive Committee of this association.

Sec. 5. Vacancies among officers or in the membership of committees may be filled by the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE V

##### Duties of Officers and Committees

Section 1. The duties of officers are those provided for herein, together with those ordinarily pertaining to the respective offices.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall do all acts and things necessary to carry out the purposes of this Constitution, and shall be the permanent administrative body of this association. It shall fix the time and place of its meetings and of the annual and other meetings of the association. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the chairman or upon request of two of its members.

Sec. 3. All matters of policy affecting the educational and ethical activities of this association and its contact with the practice of medicine or with public health shall be referred to the Advisory Council, and its opinion and advice shall govern the position and action of this association; and upon all such matters the opinion and advice of the Advisory Council communicated to this association, without reference by it, shall in like manner govern the position and action of this association.

Sec. 4. The Advisory Council, representing in part the medical and public health bodies, under whose authority and direction this Constitution is formulated and this association is formed, shall furthermore finally determine whether any act or proceeding of this association, or any member thereof, is consistent with the foregoing preamble and the purposes of this Constitution, and what disciplinary steps or proceedings, whether of censure, suspension or expulsion, shall be imposed upon any member or members hereof for any reason.

#### ARTICLE VI

##### Dues

Section 1. The dues for active and associate members shall be six dollars per annum, payable semi-annually or annually in advance. Honorary members shall not be subject to dues.

Sec. 2. Only members whose dues are paid shall be in good standing, and delinquency in the payment of dues for one year automatically forfeits membership.

#### ARTICLE VII

##### Official Publications

The official and only publications of this association are the "Journal" of the Medical Society of the State of California and "Better Health" of the League for the Conservation of Public Health.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Ethics

In matters not herein expressly defined, the code of ethics of the American Medical Association, insofar as the same is applicable, shall be the code of ethics of the members hereof.

#### ARTICLE IX

##### Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active membership, which may be taken by mail ballot after the proposed amendment has been approved by the Advisory Council.

## Association of Radiographers

The organization of the Radiographers of California has been completed by the Council, in conformity to the requirements of the resolution passed by the House of Delegates at the Coronado meeting. The officers of the Association and the executive council are as follows: President, Franklin W. McCormack; Vice-President, William M. Farrell; Secretary-Treasurer, Leonard Frank; Executive Council: Franklin W. McCormack, William M. Farrell, Leonard Frank, San Francisco; Sidney Rosenthal, Berkeley; Newton Wise, Sacramento; Joseph Pavliger, Oakland; Clarence H. Jones, Los Angeles.

### PREAMBLE AND CONSTITUTION of the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF RADIOGRAPHERS

#### PREAMBLE

For all of the purposes of the California Association of Radiographers, including its preamble and constitution, Radiography is defined as a group of diagnostic and physical therapeutic procedures to be prescribed by doctors of medicine or dentistry and carried out under the physician's or dentist's direction by specially educated and trained technical assistants.

The diagnostic and therapeutic agencies and activities included for purposes of this organization under the general term of Radiography are:

Radiography of the human anatomy by means of the Roentgen ray or other photographic processes for diagnosis of the diseases or deformities of the human body;

Interpretation of the findings on the photographic plates, films or other impressions, said interpretation to be made only to, and at the request of, a legally registered physician, surgeon or dentist;

Radioscopy, or the examination of the deep structures of the body by means of the fluoroscope, this work to be done only upon the prescription of a legally registered physician or surgeon;

Localizing foreign substances in the body by means of the Roentgen ray and fluoroscope, this work to be done only upon the prescription of a legally registered physician, surgeon or dentist;

Treatment of human diseases by means of the Roentgen ray, this work to be done only upon the prescription and under the immediate supervision of a legally registered physician or surgeon;

Carrying out such other instructions in the use of the Roentgen ray or radium as are prescribed by physicians, surgeons or dentists.

Radiographers, therefore, in the meaning of this organization comprise the educated, trained technical assistants to the members of the medical and dental professions who subscribe to and are imbued with the same ethics, ideals and spirit of service that inspire and govern the physician and dentist, in the practice of the healing art.

As practical radiography is an integral part of modern medicine and modern dentistry, radiographers should form an effective unit of the organized medical and dental professions. It is, therefore, the permanent purpose of this organization to become intimately identified with national, state and local organizations of the medical and dental professions devoted to improving the practice and progress of scientific medicine for the promotion and protection of public health.

### CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I

##### Name

Section 1. The name of this Association shall be the California Association of Radiographers.